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Passenger Transportation Board to conduct follow-up investigation on the current state of COVID-19 recovery for BC passenger transportation industry

The Passenger Transportation Board recognizes the significant impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on British Columbia's economy, and the resulting challenges that the province's passenger transportation industry continues to face.

In 2021, the Board launched an [investigation](#) to better understand the new economic landscape as a result of COVID-19 and its effects on the passenger transportation industry, pursuant to section 27 of the [Passenger Transportation Act](#).

In the interests of the industry's long-term well-being, and to fulfil the Board's mandate under the Act, the Board must ensure it has access to current economic data and analysis, so it may render sound, objective evidence-based decisions.

The Board's objective is to undertake a follow-up study to the 2021 study, on the current state of recovery from COVID-19 for the passenger transportation industry in BC. This follow-up study is being conducted under section 7 of the Act, so no applications will be affected throughout this investigation.

The Board has retained the services of Hara Associates, a professional economist, to conduct this follow-up investigation. This investigator possesses the requisite expertise in economics and in the BC passenger transportation industry to render a valuable report.

The investigation is expected to take up to 6 months, barring any unforeseen circumstances.

We encourage the public and members of the industry to continue to consult the Board's website for any updates.